

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:

an input element supplied with video signals;

a recording element for recording said video signals input through said input element onto a storage medium;

a reproducing element for reproducing said video signals from said storage medium;

a processing element for generating display-ready video signals on the basis of video monitor image signals supplied by said input element and/or on the basis of the reproduced video signals furnished by said reproducing element; and

a controlling element for selectively activating, by a single operation of a user, any one of a recording monitor image, a dual-screen display image made of a recording monitor image and a playback image, and a playback image alone.

2. A recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processing element generates a display screen indicative of said screen monitor image being selected when said dual-screen display image is currently on display.



3. A recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:

an input element supplied with video signals;

a recording element for recording said video signals input through said input element onto a storage medium;

a reproducing element for reproducing said video signals from said storage medium;

a processing element for generating display-ready video signals on the basis of video monitor image signals supplied by said input element and/or on the basis of the reproduced video signals furnished by said reproducing element; and

a controlling element for making operations of a user effective on one of a recording monitor image and a playback image constituting a dual-screen display.

4. A recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said controlling element causes said processing element to enlarge the currently selected image on display.

5. A recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:

an input element supplied with video signals;

a recording element for recording said video



signals input through said input element onto a storage medium;

a reproducing element for reproducing said video signals from said storage medium;

a processing element for generating display-ready video signals on the basis of video monitor image signals supplied by said input element and/or on the basis of the reproduced video signals furnished by said reproducing element; and

a controlling element which, when a follow-up playback is catching up with an on-air recording, then activates a full-screen display of a recording monitor image while giving a sign indicating that said recording monitor image is now activated and on full-screen display.

6. A recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:

an input element supplied with video signals;

a recording element for recording said video signals input through said input element onto a storage medium;

a reproducing element for reproducing said video signals from said storage medium;

a processing element for generating display-ready video signals constituting a recording monitor image and



a playback image in a dual-screen display, on the basis of video monitor image signals supplied by said input element as well as on the basis of the reproduced video signals furnished by said reproducing element; and

a controlling element for giving a sign indicative of ongoing recording near said recording monitor image, and another sign indicative of ongoing playback near said playback image.

7. A recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein, when recording is stopped, then said sign indicative of ongoing recording is erased.

8. A recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein, when playback is stopped through an operation by a user, then said sign indicative of ongoing playback is replaced by another sign indicative of a pause, with said playback image turned into a still image.

9. A recording and reproducing method comprising the steps of:

recording input video signals onto a storage medium;

reproducing the video signals from said storage medium;

generating display-ready video signals on the basis of video monitor image signals derived from said input



video signals and/or on the basis of the reproduced video signals; and

selectively activating, by a single operation of a user, any one of a recording monitor image, a dual-screen display image made of a recording monitor image and a playback image, and a playback image alone.

10. A recording and reproducing method comprising the steps of:

recording input video signals onto a storage medium;

reproducing the video signals from said storage medium;

generating display-ready video signals on the basis of video monitor image signals derived from said input video signals and/or on the basis of the reproduced video signals; and

making operations of a user effective on one of a recording monitor image and a playback image constituting a dual-screen display.

11. A recording and reproducing method comprising the steps of:

recording input video signals onto a storage medium;

reproducing the video signals from said storage



medium;

generating display-ready video signals on the basis of video monitor image signals derived from said input video signals and/or on the basis of the reproduced video signals; and

when a follow-up playback is catching up with an on-air recording, then activating a full-screen display of a recording monitor image while giving a sign indicating that said recording monitor image is now activated and on full-screen display.

12. A recording and reproducing method comprising the steps of:

inputting video signals;

recording input video signals onto a storage medium;

reproducing the video signals from said storage medium;

generating display-ready video signals constituting a recording monitor image and a playback image in a dual-screen display, on the basis of video monitor image signals derived from said input video signals as well as on the basis of the reproduced video signals; and

giving a sign indicative of ongoing recording near said recording monitor image, and another sign indicative



of ongoing playback near said playback image.

13. A program storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

recording input video signals onto a storage medium;

reproducing the video signals from said storage medium;

generating display-ready video signals on the basis of video monitor image signals derived from said input video signals and/or on the basis of the reproduced video signals; and

selectively activating, by a single operation of a user, any one of a recording monitor image, a dual-screen display image made of a recording monitor image and a playback image, and a playback image alone.

14. A program storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

recording input video signals onto a storage medium;

reproducing the video signals from said storage medium;

generating display-ready video signals on the basis of video monitor image signals derived from said input video signals and/or on the basis of the reproduced video



signals; and

making operations of a user effective on only selected one of a recording monitor image and a playback image constituting a dual-screen display.

15. A program storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

recording input video signals onto a storage medium;

reproducing the video signals from said storage medium;

generating display-ready video signals on the basis of video monitor image signals derived from said input video signals and/or on the basis of the reproduced video signals; and

when a follow-up playback is catching up with an on-air recording, then activating a full-screen display of a recording monitor image while giving a sign indicating that said recording monitor image is now activated and on full-screen display.

16. A program storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

recording input video signals onto a storage medium;

reproducing the video signals from said storage



medium;

generating display-ready video signals constituting a recording monitor image and a playback image in a dual-screen display, on the basis of video monitor image signals derived from said input video signals as well as on the basis of the reproduced video signals; and

giving a sign indicative of ongoing recording near said recording monitor image, and another sign indicative of ongoing playback near said playback image.